उत्तर प्रदेश

1. गुलालडीह क्षेत्र, सोनभद्र जिला
2. सोनपाली स्वर्ण पट्टी
3. प्रोटेरोजोयक पहाड़ियां, सोनभद्र तथा सिंधी जिले

राजस्थान

1. आत्रदपुरी-भूकिया, बांसवाड़ा जिला
2. हिरलोज-माता क्षेत्र, डुंगरपुर जिला-डागल क्षेत्र, बांसवाड़ा क्षेत्र
3. उदयपुर तथा बांसवाड़ा जिलों में पालेओपलेसर्स
4. पिण्डवाल-बाटेरा क्षेत्र, सिरोही जिला

सिक्किम

1. सिक्किम के पूर्वी, पश्चिमी तथा उत्तर तथा दक्षिण जिले
2. दुबा-पाचेखानी क्षेत्र पूर्वी जिला, सिक्किम

प० बंगाल

1. डाल्मापट्टी का उत्तर क्षेत्र, पुरूलिया, बांकरा, मेघनीपुर जिले

अंडमान द्वीप-समूह

1. देओदनाबाद काडियाघाट क्षेत्र, दक्षिण अंडमान

बिहार

1. बाबाइकुंडी-बीरगांव, रांची जिला
2. डाल्मा वोलकानिक्स का उत्तरी क्षेत्र, रोनोही क्षेत्र तथा सिंहभूम जिला
3. धनजोरी बेसिन, पूर्वी सिंहभूम जिला
4. सोनो क्षेत्र, जामुई जिला
5. कुंदेरकोचा, पूर्वी सिंहभूम जिला

मेघालय

1. टाइरप्साद-माफलांग क्षेत्र पूर्वी खासी पहाड़ी जिला

असम

1. कालियानी स्वीयर क्षेत्र तथा दिजु घाटी क्षेत्र, कार्बी अंगलोंग जिला

Press reports about the gold fields in Bastar District

1320. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been press reports about the gold fields found in a 20 kms. stretch of Bastar district of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details of deposits assessed?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In Sonadehi area of Bastar district of Madhya Pradesh incidences of gold have been found over a stretch of 20 km in the Banded Iron Ore Formation. However, no gold deposit has yet been established by GSI in Sonadehi area. The exploration is at preliminary stage.

Committee to review the mining rules and procedure

1321. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have constituted a committee to review the mining rules and procedure recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have proposed to delegate more powers to the State Governments for the grant/renewal/licensing of mines in their respective States; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the areas so identified for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (c) The Central Government have constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Mines) with Secretaries Mines & Geology of the state Governments, Federation of Indian Mineral Industries and Indian Bureau of Mines, etc. as members. The terms of reference of the Committee *inter-alia* include review of the existing laws and procedures governing regulation and development of minerals and to recommend steps to make them compatible with the policy changes, to